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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: STATEMENTS OF PRIMIN AND DEPUTY PRIMIN

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SUMMARY: PRIMIN TOLD FOREIGN JOURNALISTS JULY 25 THAT: A. LANDING ON CYPRUS WAS WORTH ITS COSTS; B. TURKISH-GREEK CO-OPERATION POSSIBLE AND NECESSARY; C. "AFTER THE NEW POSITION THAT TURKEY HAS ACQUIRED ON THE ISLAND, NO MATTER WHAT SOLUTION IS REACHED WE SHALL BE ABLE TO SEE TO IT THAT IT IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH TURKISH INTERESTS"; C. "WITHOUT PEACE AND STABILITY WE CAN HAVE NO EFFECTIVE CEASE-FIRE"; AND E. GENEVA TALKS "SHOULD FIRST TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF SECURITY AND ORDER ON THE ISLAND". IN PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, HE SAID ONLY 16 TURKS STILL MISSING IN ACTION. IN ANOTHER ENCOUNTER WITH PRESS ECEVIT SAID BOTH TURKISH AND UN FORCES WERE ON NICOSIA AIRPORT. SEPARATELY, DEPUTY PRIMIN ERBAKAN ASSERTED RETURN TO LONDON-ZURICH ACCORDS WAS "OUT OF THE QUESTION". END SUMMARY.

1. FOL IS FOREIGN MINISTRY TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DURING PRI-MIN ECEVIT'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN JOURNALISTS MARCH 25:

Q. MR. PRIME MINISTER, SOME NEWSPAPERS HAVE SAID, RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER WHAT YOU GAINED BY THIS INVASION WAS WORTH THE COST IN MEN AND MATERIAL. WOULDYOU COMMENT ON THAT?

A. CERTAINLY. TURKEY NOW IS ON CYPRUS, MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN BEFORE AND TURKEY IS IRREVOCABLY IN CYPRUS. THIS IS QUITE A CHANGE FOR CYPRUS AND FOR TURKEY'S POSITION IN THE WORLD. AND APARTICUL-ARLY FOR THE SAFETY OF THE TURKISH POPULATION ON CYPRUS. IT WAS CERTAINLY WORTH TAKING THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

Q. MR. PRIME MINISTER, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF QUESTIONS OF WHETHER AFTER THIS CONFLICT TURKEY AND GREECE CAN COOPERATE INSIDE NATO? CAN YOU SIT DOWN WITH GREECE IN NATO?

A. IF THERE ARE RESPONSIBLE STATESMEN ON BOTH SIDES, I THINK IT'S POSSIBLE AND, MORE THAN POSSIBLE, IT IS NECESSARY. AFTER ALL THE TURKS AND GREEKS HAD FOUGHT A MUCH MORE BITTER WAR IN THE TWENTIES, AND RIGHT AFTER THAT WAR A STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES UNDER RESPONSIBLE LEADERS BOTH
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IN TURKEY AND GREECE, WHO REALIZED THAT FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE WAS INEVITABLE; IT WAS A HISTORI-CAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL NECESSITY. IT IS NO LESS A NECESSITY TODAY THAN IT WAS RIGHT AFTER THE WAR OF LIBERATION THAT WE HAD FOUGHT WITH THE GREEKS. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CONVINCED THAT THERE IS A LATENT FEELING OF SYPMPATHY AND PROXIMITY BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES, AND UNDER RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP THESE LATENT FEELINGS CAN COME UP TO THE SURFACE AND MAKE US JOIN OUR HANDS FOR A BETTER FUTURE IN OUR REGION.

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THANK YOU.

Q. DO YOU FEEL, SIR, YOU CAN TRUST GREECE?

-. WELL, MR. KARAMANLIS IS AN EXPERIENCED STATESMAN. I EXPRESSED MY SINCERE FEELINGS ABOUT HIM WHEN I WROTE TO HIM YESTERDAY TO CONGRATULATE HIM AND DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE HE CONTRIBUTED A LOT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSER LINKS, CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. ONE OF HIS CLOSE COLLABORATORS IN THESE EFFORTS AT THAT TIME WAS MR. AVEROF WHO IS AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT HE'S ALSO IN THE NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT. I'M CONFIDENT THAT THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO, AND I THINK, IF WE ARE WILLING TO FORGET ABOUT THE PAST AND TURN TO THE FUTURE, WE CAN EASILY ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THAT'S MY HOPE AND CONVICTION.

Q. MR. PRIME MINISTER, IN THE FUTURE DO YOU THINK IT'S POSSIBLE THAT PARTITION MIGHT HAVE TO BE THE SOLUTION IF NO OTHER SOLUTION IS.....

A. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, NOW. IT IS NOT AS VITALLY IMPORTANT THE PARTICULAR SOLUTION THAT WE MIGHT REACH, OR WE MIGHT SEARCH, IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS IT USED TO BE. BECAUSE AFTER THE NEW POSITION THAT TURKEY HAS ACQUIRED ON THE ISLAND NO MATTER WHAT SOLUTION IS REACHED WE SHALL BE ABLE TO SEE TO IT THAT IT IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH LEGITIMATE TURKISH INTERESTS. I THINK THA
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THE PRIMARY NECESSITY, REQUIREMENT IS TO ESTABLISH REAL PEACE AND STABILITY ON THE ISLAND. WITHOUT PEACE AND STABILITY WE CAN HAVE NO EFFECTIVE CEASE-FIRE. SO, I BELIEVE, AND I'VE DISCUSSED THAT WITH MY FIREND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. GUNES BEFORE HE LEFT, I BELIEVE THAT THE CONFERENCE IN GENEVA SHOULD FIRST TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF SECURITY AND ORDER ON THE ISLAND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2. IN STATEMENT HE READ BEFORE TAKING QUESTIONS, ECEVIT EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO TURKISH ARMED FORCES AND SAID CASUALTY FIGURES HE HAD GIVEN EARLIER (ANKARA 5855) COULD BE REVISED, BECAUSE MOST OF MISSING HAD BEEN LOCATED AND ONLY 16 REMAINED UNACCOUNTED FOR.

3. MILLIYET REPORTS THAT IN INFORMAL ENCOUNTER WITH PRESS WHILE LEAVING HIS OFFICE JULY 25, ECEVIT SAID: "BOTH THE UNITED NATIONS AND WE ARE ON THE NICOSIA AIRPORT. OUR FOREIGN MINISTER WILL DISCUSS THE LEGAL SIDE OF THE MATTER WITH THE UN REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL COME FROM NEW YORK."

4. DEPUTY PRIMIN ERBAKAN ALSO MET WITH JOURNALISTS JULY 25 AFTER CALLING ON TOP MILITARY LEADERS. ACCORDING PRESS, ERBAKAN SAID GOT WAS AS DETERMINED TO SAFEGUARD TURKISH RIGHTS AT CONFERENCE TABLE

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AS IT HAD BEEN DURING MILITARY OPERATIONS. PRESS QUOTES HIM AS SAYING: "IT HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD THAT THE LONDON"ZURICH ACCORDS ARE NOT BALANCED AGREEMENTS. THEREFORE A RETURN TO THEM IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. A NEW STATUS WILL DEFINITELY BE BROUGHT TO THE ISLAND. IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR US TO CONCEDE TO THE SLIGHTEST LOSS OF TURKISH RIGHTS."
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